

18 December 1948

Commander Grant E. Brown, USNR
President, Naval Armory Chapter, RGA,
321 East Ohio Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brown:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation of 12 Dec 48 for me to speak at the meeting of the Naval Armory Chapter of the Naval Officers Association about intelligence. At present I must decline because the less publicity any intelligence organization has, the better it will do its work, and there was, in my opinion, in the past, altogether too much publicity on this subject.

While I appreciate the honor extended to me to address your chapter, I should like for you to excuse me and to excuse me to your colleagues in the Naval Armory Chapter.

With best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

John H. Hilldrup
R. H. HILLDRUP 12-13
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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Central Records - w/basic ltr of 1 Dec 48 inviting DCI to address the Naval Armory Chapter, RGA and also the Cook County Chapter, RGA (Army) -- an audience of at least a thousand Reserve Officers.

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Activities and Methods

Suggested following dates: 14 Jan., 8 Apr., 20 May, 8 Jul., 19 Aug or 9 Sep.

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(Cdr Grant E. Brown)